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1. The Wörmilitzer AA barracks at Halle, which were occupied by a Soviet mortar battalion, were evacuated between 26 Nov and 3 Dec 53. They are now occupied by new Soviet units, apparently infantry, that came by rail to Hettstedt, and were transported from there by trucks. The soldiers are armed only with rifles and machine pistols.
2. During 1953, the Soviet Army supply depot at Frankfurt-an-der-Oder received 3,800 centners of sugar from Halle, Markranstedt and Zeitz sugar factories. In Nov 1953 the Nahrungsmittelwerk Köthen delivered 817 tons of meal and other foodstuffs to the depot, and the packing factory at Halberstadt delivered 6,000 kg of canned meat.
3. A train loaded with Soviet soldiers and equipment left Frankfurt-an-der-Oder on 27 Nov 53, going towards Poland. The guns loaded on the cars were covered. The trucks were not covered, but they bore no numbers. The number plates, apparently had been removed.
4. About 400 Soviet troops are stationed at the Hilbersdorf barracks, Chemnitz, at the present time. They are equipped with antitank guns, including many of about 100 mm caliber. A field gun was observed of about 150 mm caliber with a short barrel and muzzle brakes. About 30 guns altogether are in the shelters on the east side of the barracks; these are lighted at night. One of the four buildings is occupied by Soviet military prisoners.

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5. The barracks in Planitzstrasse, Chemnitz, are occupied by Soviet infantry and a transport section. The total strength is about 250 men. In addition, seven self-propelled guns of SU 100 type have been stationed here since the end of the autumn maneuvers. No activities of these guns are observed at the present time. Exercises are held only with infantry arms in Küchenwald Park and in the Zessigwald.
6. About 20 wooden cases, painted blue, were unloaded from a Soviet truck in Jagdschaukenstrasse, Chemnitz, on 4 Dec 53. They are believed to have contained oxygen equipment.
7. The Soviet units quartered in the former factory building at the Scharzenberg (Erzgebirge) railway station received new guns at the end of Nov 1953. The old 76.2 mm short barreled antitank guns were taken away and replaced by 12 new guns of about 85 mm caliber, with muzzle brakes. The gun carriages have exceptionally small wheels.
8. The telephone central of the Red Army in Leipzig is located in a villa in Richterstrasse at the corner of Prellerstrasse.

25X1B 9. The local Red Army commander in Zeitz is a colonel of the guards named Maximov. He travels in a car with the [REDACTED]. The barracks are occupied as formerly by armored, artillery and infantry troops, and a radio detachment.

25X1B 10. A Soviet truck [REDACTED] with about 20 enlisted men travels back and forth every morning and evening between the barracks in Wienerstrasse and the command post at Zeppelinstrasse, 2. 25X1B

25X1B 11. Soviet trucks with the following [REDACTED] were observed in Zeitz on 12 Dec 53:

25X1B 12. Besides the barracks, the following Red Army objects are located in Zeitz: at Zeppelinstrasse, 2-4-6, command headquarters and the MVD. In Arnoldstrasse, two houses and in Bornpromenade a villa, whose uses are not known. In the Villa Donatien, a bakery which daily supplies 800 to 1,000 loaves of army bread; this bakery belonged originally to the Schokoladen-Oehler firm.

13. Two Stalin I tanks with the [REDACTED] were observed on 12 Dec 53, en route to the training grounds in the Zeitz forest.

14. On 6 Dec 53, 120 families living in Wiener Platz, Zeitz (near the barracks) were notified to evacuate their houses by 22 Dec 53. However, in consideration of Christmas, the date has been postponed to 6 Jan 54. It is believed that Soviet families are coming to Zeitz.

15. Members of the new peasant settlement of Neu-Breitenbach, bordering on the Zeitz training grounds, have had to leave their houses and fields and go to settle in Mecklenburg. The training grounds are to be enlarged, and the buildings erected in 1947 by volunteer labor will be used in part as quarters and those farther out as targets for the artillery.

16. Soviet officers and soldiers have been visiting German families and making gifts recently. German women who marry Russians must go to the Soviet Union within three months.

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